

The *intercom* In Church and Community



From the Senior Pastor Finding Joy, Sharing Joy



I am a pastor. I am not a truck driver.

For two weeks every October, though, I drive this International semi (right) and participate in the annual ritual that is the sugar beet harvest in the Red River Valley of the North.

Each day—when the weather is fit—I arrive at the farm around 1:15 A.M. to drive a 12-hour shift, 2:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. In the field, I drive alongside the tractor/lifter, receive about 50,000 pounds of sugar beets, and haul them from the field to the piling station, where they are stored until they can be processed at the factory.

When conditions are wet and my truck cannot pull its load through the field, I get a little help from a four-wheel-drive Steiger Lion (below). This powerful tractor easily pulls my loaded truck to a drier part of the field and gets me up to speed. The driver then releases the hitch hydraulically and I'm on my way with another load.

Of course, working a 12-hour shift day after day can be kind of a grind,



but it is so different than what I typically do as a pastor that the lack of sleep is a minor inconvenience.

Instead, I am renewed through being part of something elemental—harvesting a crop that's been nurtured all summer long. I feel revived by using and being around large machinery that functions—when it's working properly—to make the farmer's job easier and increases his or her capacity to produce a crop and make a living. And, as a result, my spirit is filled with joy. It's a wonderful time of year.

November is that time of year when we at OSL conduct our annual stewardship appeal. The theme of this year's appeal is *Share Joy!* and is based on that well-known verse in Nehemiah, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength."

(Nehemiah 8:10) This little Bible nugget reminds us that the joy we experience as a result of God's faithfulness is a strength that can carry us

continued



Share Joy!

Stewardship 2018

Memorials and Honoraria August–September 2018

In Memory of Audrey Anderson

Leonard and JoAnne Dankey
Eloise Elmen
Tom and Cheryl Gaeckle
John and Shirley Hillgren
Pamela Hoiland
Richard and Jeri Krsnak
Darlene Kaye Telkamp

In Memory of Judy Johnson

Karen Kratochvil

In Memory of Nancy Phelan

Rita Elmen

In Memory of Truman Phelan

Rita Elmen

In Memory of Joyce Schmidt

Janet Anderson
Tom and Olive Bakke
Helen Ellefson
Lyle and Vikki Farrand
Renee Fletcher
Charles and Sherrey Kellogg
Miriam Lonning
Willard and Shirley Martens
Daniel and Teresa Noethlich
Jacki Nothdurft
Walt and Patricia Schaefer
Kathy Zorning

In Memory of Eileen (Schuett) Ward

Lorraine Kautz

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through even the most difficult challenges.

Share Joy! is as much about celebrating this strength as it is about committing ourselves to sharing the blessings we've received with a hurting world. Indeed, the blessing we have to offer is nothing less than the joy of the Lord, a joy that breeds strength and courage and patience and gratitude for daily living.

On Share Joy! Weekend, November 10 and 11, we will take time during worship to complete our Statements of Intent, which will indicate our intent to support financially the ministry of OSL in 2019, and present them as an act of worship during the Offering. Watch for more information coming to your mailbox soon that will explain the process and invite you to participate.

For now, spend a little time reflecting on what gives you joy, thank God for the many blessings God has given you, and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share some of what you've been given in support of OSL's growing ministry. Responding together as the Spirit leads us, we will be empowered to share the Joy of the Lord in 2019. Thanks be to God!

Share Joy! Now on Video!

To view (or re-view) the Share Joy! stewardship videos shown in worship services in late October, just visit oslchurch.com/category/video and click the appropriate links. See how some of your fellow OSL members are sharing the joy of being people of God!

Baptisms

September 23, 2018

Ellie Evelyn Gotham, the daughter of Sam and Elizabeth Gotham.

October 6, 2018

Berklee Kay Begeman, the daughter of Mitchell and Katelyn Begeman.

Flowers

October 14, 2018

Flowers are sponsored by Ralph and LaVonne Johnshoy in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on October 11, with thanks and gratitude to God.

Telecasts

October 7, 2018

Telecasts sponsored by Shirley Vehle in memory of Luverne and Billy Vehle.

Connecting Faith and Life

Pastor Randy leads this ongoing adult-education course, meeting weekly with those who gather on Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!

The current CFL course is a four-week study of the Old Testament book of Jonah. The book of Jonah paints a picture of a God who pushes God's people to go beyond religious and ethnic boundaries to share the love and mercy of God with all, and share God's desire to save all people. This study explores how Jonah offers a vision in which God's love and mercy is not only available to the people of Israel, but to other peoples as well.

A suggested donation of \$8 will help cover the cost of materials.

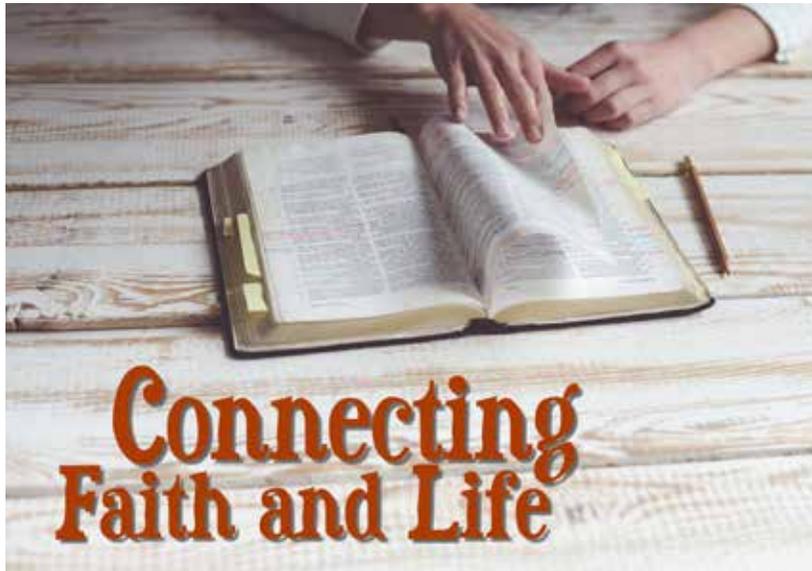
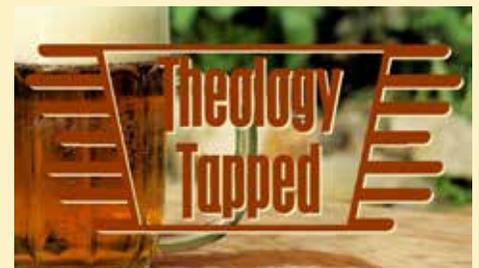


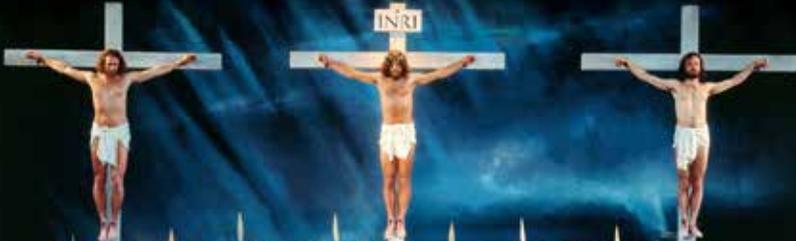
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Theology Tapped

Looking for engaging conversation on matters of faith and life in a fun, informal setting? Join Pr. Randy for Theology Tapped on Thursday, November 29, from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M., at Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E. 8th St.



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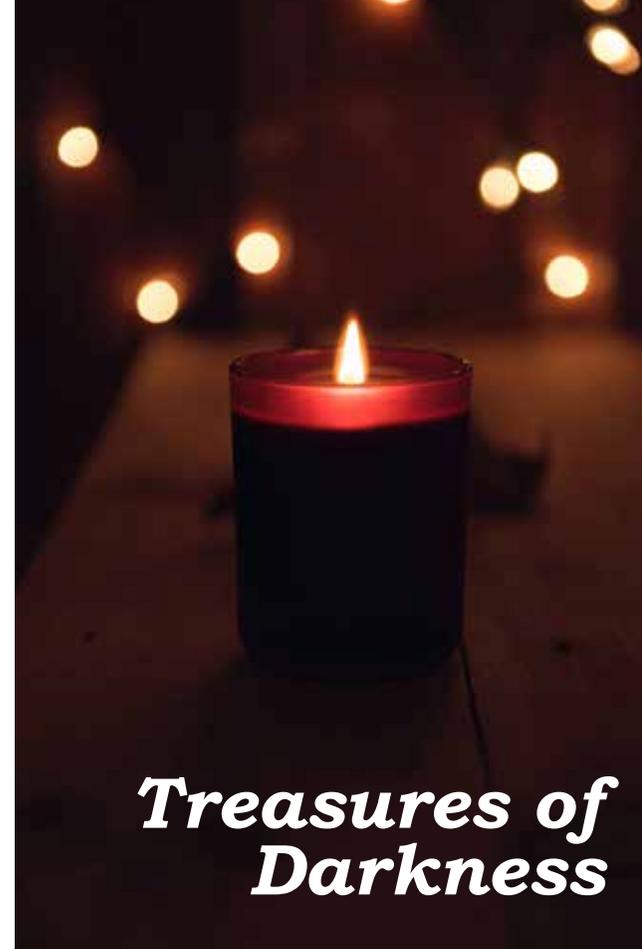


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Treasures of Darkness

Advent Devotional

OSL members are invited to submit brief devotional writings for the Advent Devotional booklet, *Treasures of Darkness*. A guide for writers may be found at the Information Center or at oslchurch.com. The deadline is November 9; send contributions to Bill Reynolds, breyolds@oslchurch.com, preferably as a Word document attached to an email message.



OSL Food Ministry

OSL Food Ministry serves breakfast on Sundays in The Gathering Place, starting at 9:30, and Wednesday dinner starting at 5:00. All are welcome! Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

November Menus (subject to change)

Sunday Breakfasts

- 4 – Bacon, scrambled eggs, roasted diced potatoes, yogurt, donut holes, and orange juice
- 11 – Egg bake, fruit, yogurt, donut holes, and orange juice
- 18 – Bacon, scrambled eggs, roasted diced potatoes, yogurt, donut holes, and orange juice
- 25 – TBD

Wednesday Dinners

- 7 – Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed green salad, garlic bread, and something sweet
- 14 – Chicken and garlic herb sauce, rice, diced carrots, tossed green salad, garlic bread, and something sweet
- 21 – Soup and pie supper
- 28 – Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Sister Schubert's rolls, and a delicious dessert

Make and Take Event

Everyone is invited to the Make and Take Giving Plate Cross+Gen Event, on November 11, at 10:00 A.M., in Fellowship Hall. Come decorate a plate to fill with treats and pass on to a friend. That friend can then enjoy the treats, refill it, and bless another—the giving never ends! This will be in lieu of regular Sunday School and Middle School Youth Group education that day. Students grade five and younger must attend with a parent or caring adult.

Time for the Advent Fair

The Advent Fair will be on November 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., on the Lower Level. There'll be Christmas goodies and crafts for the whole family to enjoy. Make an evening out of it by sharing supper in The Gathering Place beforehand, starting at 5:00, then come downstairs for fun for everyone. Students grade five and younger must attend with a parent or caring adult. There will be no Wednesday School or Confirmation on November 28.

Advent Music Series

Here's an exciting new opportunity to serve in Festive worship during the Advent season: The Advent Music Series.

If you are an instrumentalist or vocalist, come share your talents as preludes, postludes, and special music in Festive worship on Saturdays and Sundays throughout December. You are welcome to share one song or many, or you and a friend could sing/play a duet. The purpose is to create more diversity in the ways we hear about the coming of Jesus this Advent season.

If you are interested in serving, but don't know what music to share, Matthew will be happy to help you find selections from the OSL Music Library. All ages, instruments, and voices are welcome! Sign up at the Information Center or online at goo.gl/forms/FbN1wwIrTjLUOhmQ2. Questions? Contact Matthew Tylutki (mtylutki@oslchurch.com).

Food to You Mobile Food Pantry

Three or four times a year, members of OSL participate in the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry, sponsored by 13 local ELCA congregations. Food items are collected throughout the year to be distributed at Food to You locations.

On a Thursday evening in August, OSL volunteers food distributed to 88 households—23 to 26 pounds of food per household—which included 253 people, 81 of whom were children. The distribution included:

- 275 cans or boxes of pasta, donated by members of the participating Lutheran congregations. Each family received three or four items, depending on family size
- Bread donated by Panera, Breadsmith, Einstein Bagels, and Breadico Bread
- Toilet paper and hygiene kits—one or two per family, depending on family size

Other items distributed were obtained from Feeding South Dakota:

- Canned pears, corn, tuna, and peanut butter
- 240 pounds of apples and watermelon
- 620 pounds of onions, potatoes, cabbages, and spinach
- 338 pounds of assorted meats
- 448 pounds of milk

Of the 88 households, 15% of adults said they are employed full-time, 15% are employed part-time, and 56% are unemployed, which includes individuals who are disabled. The food distributed helps families meet other financial needs, and provides needed nutrition to these families.

OSL plans to participate in this program in February. Why not consider volunteering for this worthwhile program? Look for sign-up information after the first of the year.

In the meantime, you may bring food items anytime and place them in the labeled bins near the main entrance. Here are the specific items being collected each month:

- October and April: Peanut butter
- November and May: Tuna and tuna helper
- December and June: Macaroni and cheese
- January and July: Pasta, any kind
- February and August: Hearty soup
- March and September: Cereal

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Circle Up! by Jodie Nielsen

If you are a woman and attend Our Savior's Lutheran Church, I have a few questions for you:

- Do you gather with a group of OSL friends for Bible Study?
- Do you gather with a group of OSL friends to do community projects?
- Do you socialize with OSL friends?



If you answered yes to any of the above questions and the group of friends are

women, then you fit the definition of a Circle. Yes, there are a few forms to fill out if your group becomes an official Circle associated with WELCA, but it's all for a good cause. Each Circle decides on a Mission Project; do you want to support the mission financially or by doing a service project, or both? You decide! The Mission Project can be for the entire year or just a portion of the year—you decide! When do you meet? You decide! Where do you meet? You decide! What Bible Study should you do? You decide!

So why should your group be part of the larger WELCA group and not just continue on your own? One reason is that a few times a year you will gather with other Circles and plan one of the four luncheons/social gatherings that we have each year. This is a good time to connect with other women outside your group, whom you may never get a chance to meet otherwise. If you are interested in joining or starting a Circle and would like more information, just contact me, jodie.nielsen@gmail.com.

Here are a few of the 2018 Circle Mission Projects:

- Mats for the homeless
- Church on the Street
- Share gift of music by playing piano at Prairie Creek Memory Unit each week for a singalong
- Child's Voice—provide a fleece blanket for each child
- Quilts for OSL and other organizations in and out of Sioux Falls
- Prison Ministry
- Food Pantry/Feeding SD
- Nursing Home Visits
- Addiction Ministry
- Children's Home Society
- Children's Inn
- Family Connection
- Prayer Shawls

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank the Circles for their job well done!

Board Position Opening for 2019. We still have one opening for the 2019 WELCA Board and we would love to hear from you. Please prayerfully consider putting your name in for either the secretary or mission action position. If you have any questions regarding these openings, please let me know: jodie.nielsen@gmail.com.

November Bible Study. "Turn, Turn, Turn: A Time for Faithful Repentance" by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. (Source: gathermagazine.org) Session Three: "Turning as the Church to the World." Focus Verse: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9

Unit Wide Mission Project for 2018 is #kidsareGod'sgift, focusing on children. I have received some great ideas so continue to share if you know of an organization that focuses on children and would like the organization to be considered as one of our Mission Project recipients. We welcome your input!

Upcoming Events

- Preparation for the Pie and Lefse Sale: Making Lefse on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Bring your lefse-making griddles and tools. No experience necessary. All are welcome—men, women, and youth!
- Annual Pie & Lefse Sale – November 18
- WELCA Christmas Luncheon – Saturday, December 1, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Program: Potluck, Christmas Carols, and Short Notice Band

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

WELCA Board Members: Jodie Nielsen, President; Michelle Schuknecht, Vice President; Valori Maher, Secretary; Toni LeVasseur, Treasurer; Sandy Fischer, Mission Action Chair; Tami Skorczewski, Advisor.



The ladies of Leah Circle constructed 18 tie blankets as a service project for the children at Children's Inn. Upon arriving at Children's Inn, each child receives a blanket to keep, so this gift from Leah Circle women was much appreciated.

Health Ministries

Our Savior's has a number of ongoing health ministries that meet on a weekly or monthly basis. Feel free to join any of the following sessions. For more information, contact Michelle Anderson, Faith Community Nurse, 336-2942, ext. 48, or mianderson@oslchurch.com.

Footcare Clinic

Cost is \$25 per person. Wednesday, November 7, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Call the Church Office, 336-2942, to schedule your appointment.

Hope for Living with Illness or Cancer

Every Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. in the Friendship Room. People and their families who have or are experiencing the challenge of cancer are welcome. If you cannot attend, but would like to be on our prayer and devotional mailing list, contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 48, or mianderson@oslchurch.com.

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

Learn how to knit or crochet prayer shawls (to be given to people to remind them of God's presence and love in their lives) and mittens and scarves (for missions). Wednesday, November 14 and 28, 9:30 A.M., Sunshine Room.

Recent Loss Group

Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., in the Chapel. Contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or mianderson@oslchurch.com, to preregister. OSL Community Supper is available before the meeting, at 5:00 in The Gathering Place.

Good Grief

Every Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in Room 103. This group is for anyone dealing with loss and crisis in life.

Memory Care Support Group

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:00 A.M., Conference Room. For caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and dementia, a place to share and to receive understanding and empathy. Contact Caring Ministries, 336-2942, for information.

Pickleball

OSL-sponsored Pickleball meets on Mondays, 8:00 A.M. to noon and 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., in the Gym.

Caring Ministries

God Is Faithful throughout Our Histories

By Joan Bacon

I don't know how it was for you, but History definitely was *not* among my favorite subjects in school! I was in the "Why do we have to learn this stuff?" crowd. But gradually, I learned more of the "because" behind that "why." For example, medical histories became relevant when I married and had children. And as my parents and relatives aged, I

versaries call for joyful celebration; others are clad in solemnity. But all anniversaries and all histories are undergirded by God's remarkable faithfulness across the generations.

In October, OSL celebrated the 30th anniversary of Stephen Ministry in our congregation. We are grateful to Judy Kahl, Don Lehmann,



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felt an urgency to learn their histories and glean their wisdom before it was too late. My sons' marriages to women from different cultures, the interconnectedness of the world, changing demographics, travel, reading, divisive politics—all of these things and more—stretched me to re-examine, through others' eyes, the narrow view of history I learned in school.

Marking anniversaries is one way we honor important events in the histories of our family, our community, nation, and world. Most anni-

Nadine Lehr, Arlen Viste, Tim Lemme, and many others who initiated and nurtured it over those 30 years (see photo). We celebrate the contributions of OSL's Stephen Ministers, past and present, and the 735 caring relationships between them and OSL members. Blessed by this rich history, Stephen Ministers remain available to provide Christian support to anyone going through difficult times.

Recent Loss Series

The next Recent Loss Series will meet on November 14, 21, 28, and December 5, at 5:30 P.M. in the Chapel. Pre-register with Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or mianderson@oslchurch.com. You may wish to have supper beforehand (5:00) in The Gathering Place: look for the Recent Loss Group's table. (No supper on Thanksgiving Eve, November 21.)

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Come enjoy the spirit of Thanksgiving on November 20, as Friendship Club gives thanks for the many blessings we receive as God's family. Special worship in the Chapel at 10:30 A.M. will be followed by a traditional meal in The Gathering Place. Bring a friend!

Health Ministry Conference

Partners in Mental Health – Body, Mind, Spirit, the 19th Annual Health Ministry Conference, sponsored by Faith Community Nursing Center, Spiritual Care Department, will be held on Friday, November 2, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Sanford Center, 2301 E. 60th St. N. Keynote speakers will be Jeff Leichter, Ph.D., L.P., and Donald Preussler, Ph.D., L.P.

For more information, call 333-1382. Register online at sanfordhealth.org, keyword: health ministry.



OSLC Foundation

Looking Back, Moving Forward

Just as you would expect, many events are happening at Our Savior's. Barely a few days have passed since Reformation Sunday and we embark on the 502nd year since Martin Luther's thoughts, writings, and actions began to change the world. Wow!

On November 4 we remember loved ones in reflective services we call All Saints Sunday. This year also marks the fifth consecutive year in which the Our Savior's Foundation celebrates the Jubilee Society. The Jubilee Society was formed as a way to recognize those who made legacy gifts to the endowment administered by the Foundation's Board of Directors. We are thankful for those who have gone before us blazing a trail for gifts to serve the congregation year after year.

As of year-end 2017, the Foundation held

Vascular Screening – New Location

Sanford Health will be conducting heart and vascular screenings this fall—but not at Our Savior's. Screenings will be conducted at the Center for Health and Well-being, located in the Sanford Heart Hospital at 18th Street and Grange Avenue, on November 14, between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Sanford is offering a special discount for OSL members: \$25 for heart and \$25 for vascular screening. To schedule an appointment, call 312-2150.



\$2,791,703 in net assets! For 2018 the Foundation recently made \$112,000 in distributions to OSL to fund current and future needs such as up-grades to HVAC and lighting, carpet and paint in the Labyrinth Room, replacement of wireless microphones, and a portion of the repair and renewal of the bell tower.

Looking forward, more than 100 members have made commitments to leave a legacy gift to the Foundation. Collectively, these gifts will help fuel the mission of Our Savior's for years. *You* can be part of this effort to strengthen the future. A simple email will get you started. Put "Let's Talk" in the subject line and send it to me, Jon Oien, joien@sio.midco.net. Together we will discuss ways for your thoughts and dreams toward ministry to become a reality someday.

OSL Altar Guild

Have you ever wondered why or how the altar and Chancel areas in OSL's worship spaces change from time to time? Altar and pulpit paraments change to match the appropriate season of the church year—you'll notice that soon, as Advent begins—and the changes are done with the help of OSL's Altar Guild volunteers.

The work of the Altar Guild is more than house-keeping—in essence, it is to assist in creating and maintaining a climate of worship for the congregation.

Altar Guild volunteers:

- ♦ change altar paraments as needed seasonally
- ♦ care for altar and table linens
- ♦ dust the Chancel, Sacristy, and Chapel
- ♦ care for acolyte robes as needed

Altar Guild volunteers are always welcome! Typically, volunteers work in pairs for one month. To serve the Lord by helping in this important task, contact the Church Office, 336-2942, or Shirly Hillgren, 366-8092.

A brief meeting for all Altar Guild volunteers will be held on Sunday, November 4, between worship services, in Room 103, right off the Sanctuary. This will be an opportunity to gain more information, meet other volunteers and, if you wish, sign up for the month you'd like to serve. Bring your coffee—goodies will be provided!

Come Make Lefse!

Sign up at the Information Center to help make lefse for OSL Women of the ELCA's annual Pie and Lefse Sale. Volunteers will mix dough on Thursday, November 8, from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Then, on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., it'll be time to roll, grill, and package!

Everyone is welcome! No experience needed!

If you have them, bring your lefse grill, turning stick, pastry board, cloths, and rolling pin, and come have some fun!

Contact Lori Tendler, 323-8009, or Donna Wilson, 359-7748, with questions.

OSL Youth and Family

Faith Formation Notes



the Friendship Room, which will include a Lego activity. Then families will celebrate the milestone and receive a blessing during the 11:00 Festive

Second-Graders' Ten Commandments Milestone will be on November 18. Students and their parents will have Family Time with Pr. Sami at 10:00 A.M., in

Youth Ministry Notes



School Youth Group, 37 brave souls who joined in the first All-Night Middle School Lock-In.

We have learned about the importance of welcoming everyone, treating everyone well, being a safe place, and knowing Jesus loves us. We had an opportunity to live out what we learned by heading to Luther Manor for a fun night of bingo and candy with the residents. Trust-building games, nine-square, and checking out our new game room are just a few of the activities we participated in in September. The youth had a chance to join me at "Football Night with John," where I watched our amazing band members led by our very own drum major, Meaghan Murphy. We also made some amazing mugs at our ninth-grade confirmation retreat. In October we saw the FCA visit High School Youth Group, had a great night at the Country Apple Orchard, enjoyed our first annual Spook Fest, had a great time at the corn maze. At this writing, middle-schoolers are about to head to Okoboji for a Recharge Camp. Thank you to all who have made Youth Ministry a success so far in 2018, and for all those invested in helping us grow to impact even more youth in our community.

Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group. Students in grades six through eight are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings, from 10:00 to 10:50, in the Youth Room. Grow in faith through games, activities, and opportunities to serve, all while learning about God and having a lot of fun.

High School Youth Group. All students in grades nine through 12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday nights, from 7:00 to 9:00, in the Youth Room. Youth Group is a little different each week, as we explore various topics through worship, study, prayer, and service, as well as games, activities, and off-campus activities such as bowling, trampoline parks, hayrides, mall scavenger hunts, and much, much more.

ive worship service. Second graders will not attend Sunday School that day, since they will be in Family Time with their parents.

All Sunday and Wednesday School students age four through grade five will be singing at the 11:00 A.M. Festive worship service on November 18.

The Children's Christmas Program will be on December 16, at the 8:45 Celebrate and 11:00 Festive worship services. This involves all students age four through fifth grade. Special practice will be on the morning of December 15; watch for age-specific times for practice to be announced soon. Be sure to invite your family to celebrate the season and your child's program!

Confirmation

Confirmation class for sixth- through eighth-graders meets every Wednesday, from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M. Start in Fellowship Hall for large-group time with Pr. Sami and John, then head to your small groups for a time of reflection and fun. For questions or to register, contact Nicole Mindt, 336-2942, ext. 33, or nmindt@oslchurch.com.

Youth Events

Girls' Bible Study will begin on Sunday, November 4, at 10:00 A.M. High-school girls are invited to join Elle, Takara, and Katie to work through different books of the Bible while having opportunities to talk about life and create lasting relationships.

Bowden Youth Center Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Friday, November 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Each year our OSL Youth Ministry has been serving a delicious Thanksgiving meal to the youth and families of the Bowden Youth Center. This year's meal will be at First Lutheran Church, and we are seeking youth and families who would like to help from 4:30 to 7:30. It is a great opportunity to serve, and a lot of fun. Contact me, jschomberg@oslchurch.com, for more information.

Youth Group Summer Trips 2019

Service Learning Camp, Duluth, Minnesota. Middle- and high-school students are invited to join us July 13 through 19 as we head to the North Shore of Minnesota to serve the people of Duluth. The cost is \$400, with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Sign up at the Youth Table in The Gathering Place and the Youth Room, or contact John for more information or with any questions.

Compass Point Adventure Experience, Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Colorado. High-school students are invited to join us June 15 through 22 as we head to Rainbow Trails Lutheran Bible Camp, one and a half hours west of Pueblo, Colorado. We will embark on a four-day backpacking adventure to the peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Sign up at the Youth Table in The Gathering Place and the Youth Room, or contact me for more information or with any questions.

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“We ‘FALL’ow Jesus” Fall Reading Program

The OSL Library’s fall reading program, “We ‘FALL’ow Jesus,” runs through November 25. Each day they check out items, children, youth, and adults will receive a treat and have their book receipt submitted for a chance to win a weekly \$5 drawing.

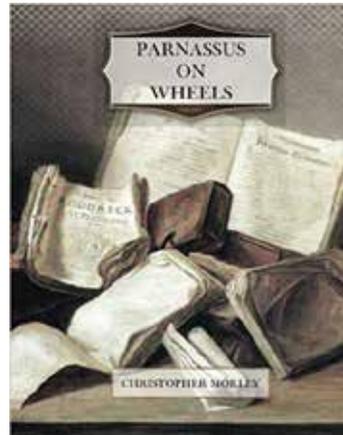
As the program continues, the Library’s Tree of Life display (above) will show the beauty of God’s creation by its leaves of green turning to brilliant golds and reds, representing the ways God richly blesses and transforms us.

Fall Book and DVD displays

Explore the beauty of fall through books and movies from the OSL Library. To make your selection easy, a large selection of items is on display for children, youth, and adults.

Monthly Book Club for Adults

The Book Club for Adults meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the OSL Library to discuss that month’s novel. The November 29 selection will be *Parnassus on Wheels* by Christopher Morley.

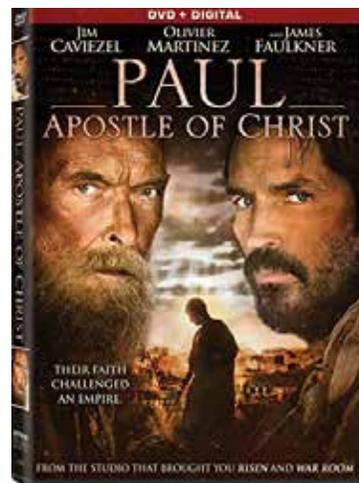


Roger Mifflin is part pixie, part sage, part noble savage, and all God’s creature. With his traveling book wagon named Parnassus, he moves through the New England countryside of 1915 on an itinerant mission of enlightenment. Mifflin’s delight in books and authors is infectious. With his singular philosophy and bright eyes, he comes to represent the heart and soul of the book world. However, a spirited and unmarried woman, disgruntled with her life, may have a hand in changing all that.

This roaring good adventure yarn is spiced with fiery roadside brawls, heroic escapes from death, the most groaning boards in the history of Yankee cookery, and a rare love story—not to mention a glimpse at a feminist perspective from the early 1900s.

Join this exciting community of readers! A list of 2018 selections is available in the OSL Library.

Second Saturday Movie



This month’s movie, on November 10, will be *Paul: Apostle of Christ*.

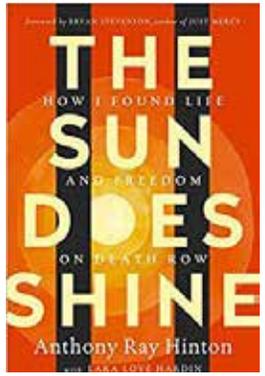
Paul (James Faulkner), who goes from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Christ’s most influential apostle, spends his last days awaiting execution by Emperor Nero in Rome. Paul is under the watchful eye of Mauritius (Olivier Martinez), the prison’s ambitious monitor, who seeks to understand how this broken old man can pose such a threat. Paul’s friend and physician, Luke (Jim Caviezel), risks

his life to visit him and, before the death sentence is enacted, resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings and birth of what will become known as the Christian church. Their faith challenged an empire, but their words changed the world.

Make a day of it with the movie, followed by worship at 5:00 and dinner afterward!

New for Adults

***The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray**



Hinton. In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only 29 years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity and believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free.

With no money and a different system of justice for a poor black man in the South, Hinton was sentenced to death by electrocution. He spent his first three years on Death Row at Holman State Prison in agonizing silence—full of despair and anger toward all those who had sent an innocent man to his death. As Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he resolved to not only survive, but also find a way to live on Death Row.

For the next 27 years he was a beacon—transforming not only his own spirit, but also those of his fellow inmates, 54 of whom were executed mere feet from his cell. With the help of Bryan Stevenson, civil rights attorney and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, Hinton won his release in 2015.

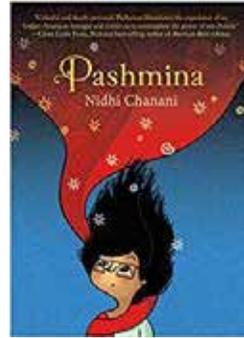
The Sun Does Shine is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times. Destined to be a classic memoir of wrongful imprisonment and freedom won, Hinton's memoir tells his dramatic 30-year journey and shows how you can take away a man's freedom, but you can't take away his imagination, humor, or joy.

Additional New Titles for Adults

- *A Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult
- *Desolation Mountain* by William Kent Krueger
- *Prince Edward's Warrant* by Mel Starr

New Chapter, Picture, and Early Reader Books

***Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani.** Priyanka Das has



so many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? Most important, who is her father, and why did her mom leave him behind? Pri's mom avoids these questions; the topic of India is permanently closed.

For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she find a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook or Bollywood film. Is this the real India, and what is that shadow lurking in the background? To learn the truth, Pri must travel farther than she's ever dared and find the family she never knew.

In this heartwarming graphic novel debut, Nidhi Chanani weaves a tale about the hardship and self-discovery that is born from juggling two cultures and two worlds.

Additional New Chapter Books

- *The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure* by Doreen Cronin
- *Dragon Masters: Sine of the Silver Dragon* by Tracey West

New Early Reader Books

- *Fancy Nancy and the Mean Girl* by Jane O'Connor
- *The Spooky Old Tree* by Stan and Jan Berenstain

New Picture Books

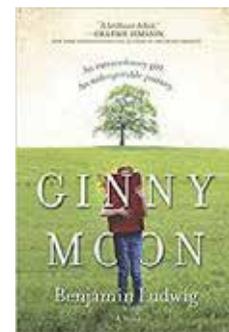
- *Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets* by Barbara Esham
- *Pink Is for Boys* by Robb Pearlman

OSL Library Hours

Sunday	8:30 A.M.—12:15 P.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M.—noon
Tuesday	9:00 A.M.—noon
Wednesday	9:00 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Thursday	9:00 A.M.—noon
Friday	Closed
2 nd Saturday of the Month	10:00 A.M.—noon and 4:30—6:30 P.M.

New for Middle- and High-School Youth

***Ginny Moon* by Benjamin Ludwig.** Ginny



Moon is exceptional. Everyone knows it—her friends at school, teammates on the basketball team, and especially her new adoptive parents. They all love her, even if they don't quite understand her. They want her to feel like she belongs.

What they don't know is that Ginny has no intention of belonging. She's found her birth-mother on Facebook, and is determined to get back to her—even if it means going back to a place that was extremely dangerous. Because Ginny left something behind and she's desperate to get it back, to make things right.

However, no one listens. No one understands, so Ginny takes matters into her own hands...

Additional New Titles for Middle- and High-School

- *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- *The Third Mushroom* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: The Graphic Novel, Vol. 1* by Ryan North and Erica Henderson

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Your Offering Makes a Difference

Your generosity is making a real difference in people's lives through the mission and ministry of OSL. The pages of this newsletter tell that story in more depth. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving and your passionate commitment to God's work through this congregation. Your continued generosity helps us reach our congregational goal of fully funding our ministry of connecting faith to everyday life.

Ministry Support through September 30

	Annual Giving
Pledged	\$1,849,306
Received YTD	\$1,367,166
Remaining	\$482,140
Projected YTD	\$1,331,121
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